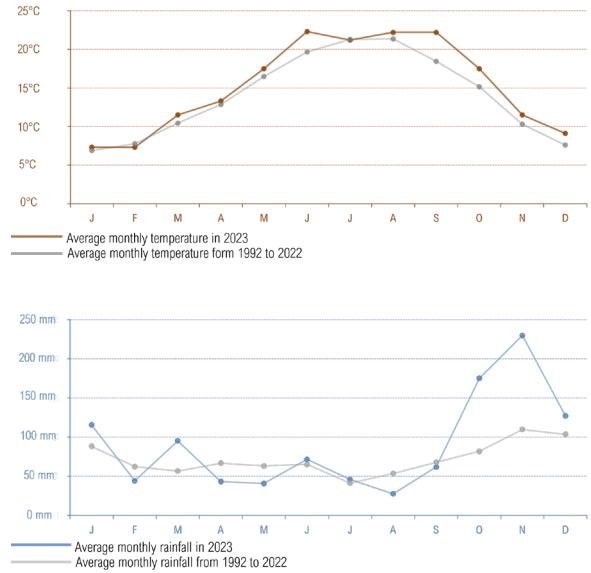




2023 VINTAGE

VINTAGE REPORT

After a lack of rainfall in 2022, a mild and wet winter replenished water reserves in the soil. The vine growth cycle started in good conditions in early April despite a cold snap that caused no damage. Mild weather and close-to-normal rainfall throughout spring stimulated vine growth, and in these favourable conditions flowering took place perfectly in late May, five days earlier than the average. The season concluded with a new record in June, the hottest since we started keeping track of temperatures in 1962, confirming the overall trend for 2023. The vine cycle continued at a regular pace, several days ahead of the average. While successive heatwaves hit France in the height of summer, the Atlantic seaboard and the Bordeaux vineyard experienced only two very hot spells, in late August and early September, the latter marking the start of the harvest. Unstable weather set in during picking as hot and sunny days alternated with stormy spells. The grapes continued to ripen with every favourable moment, while the rainfall both refined the skins and slowed the accumulation of sugar. The 2023 harvest ended in the last week of September in ideal weather and warm sunshine.



VINEYARD

Surface area in production	82 ha (203 acres)
Average age	50 years
Type of soil	Deep gravel

MATURING

New barrels	50%
Duration	18 months

VEGETATION CYCLE

BUDBREAK
31 March to 6 April

FLOWERING
29 to 31 May

VERAISON
29 July to 4 August

HARVEST

7 to 30 September

VARIETAL MIX

Cabernet Sauvignon	79%
Merlot	12%
Cabernet Franc	7%
Petit Verdot	2%

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume	13.3%
pH	3.74

TASTING NOTES

A lovely, intense dark red with a carmine hue, the wine reveals blackberry and bilberry aromas together with spice and white pepper notes. From a fresh and full attack, the forward but silken tannins give way to a smooth and creamy texture with hints of vanilla and mint, highlighting the nobility of Cabernet Sauvignon. The impression of elegance lingers long on ripe fruit flavours and touches of liquorice.